(c) what is the priority for eradication of poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The Eighth Plan Approach document envisages an average annual rate of growth of 3 per cent in employment over the decade 1990—2000. Estimates of employment generation on a year to year basis or of the share of the Centre and the States have not been made.

(c) Poverty eradication has been, and continues to be, the priority objective of development plans. A two-pronged strategy has been adopted for poverty eradication, one, the process of equitable distribution built into the Plan and the other, the direct programmes of poverty alleviation. Over the above these, in the Eighth Plan, the central focus of the development effort is on expansion of employment opportunities. Appropriate strategies and programmes would be incorporated in the Eighth Plan document.

Persons having Dual Citizenship in Rajasthan

736. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is concentration of people having dual citizenship in the border districts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, since when these people are having dual citizenship;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in this lapse; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) No, Sir, Indian Constitution and Citizenship Act, 1955 do not accept the concept of dual citizenship.

Stopping of Singing National Anthem

737. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that singing of National Anthem in many educational institutions in Punjab has been stopped; and

(b) if so, details thereof and steps taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) According to the Government of Punjab, singing of National Anthem in Schools is not a rule but a convention only and all Schools do not observe it.

Misuse of Cars and Vehicles Owned by Public Sector Undertakings

738. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that both use and misuse of cars and vehicles owned by Public Sector Undertakings and by the Officials of Government have increased immensely during the past several months;

(b) whether Government nominees on the boards of different Public Sector Companies under the administrative jurisdiction of different Ministries have been using such cars and vehicles for their personal use; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) Suitable instructions have been issued by the Department of Public Enterprises to the Administrative Ministries and Departments who are taking appropriate action in this regard.